

Using the Women's History Sourcebook

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC) has prepared the *Women's History Sourcebook* as a resource to be used in developing Women's History Month programs or celebrations. The *Sourcebook* is designed for flexible use. You may use the entire document or a few sections depending upon the preference of your employees or court.

Possible uses:

- Use as a study guide for informal discussion groups.
- Post different sections of the material each week on email so the information goes out in installments. For example, you could select material from the following sections:
 - Women in the United States: Historical Overview
 - Timelines of U.S. Women's History
 - Notable Women, Quick Facts about U.S. Women
 - Quizzes
- Implement ideas from the suggestions in the Activities section.
- Make the *Sourcebook* available in the library as a resource.
- Send the *Sourcebook* in its entirety to the employees as an email attachment for them to have as a reference or post it on your court website.
- Encourage employees to share their stories about their female ancestors' experience that may be similar or different from their experience. With their consent these stories may be posted on email or on the website.
- Supplement the *Sourcebook* with materials listed in the Recommended Women's History Resources: Books, Videos, Posters, and Internet Resources.

Section 1: Celebrating Women's History

Celebrating Women's History provides background information on National Women's History Month, a copy of the Presidential Proclamation, possible ways to use this Women's History Sourcebook.

Section 2: Activities for National Women's History Month

Activities for National Women's History Month provides eleven suggestions of ways to celebrate National Women's History Month and includes a list of notable women who were born in March.

Section 3: Women in the United States: Historical Overview

Women in the United States: Historical Overview offers a broad survey of women in American history under the following subheadings:

- Native American Women
- Colonial America
- Women's Legal Situation
- First Women's Rights Convention
- Civil War Years
- Industrialization and Urbanization
- World War I and the Fight for the Vote
- The Great Depression and the New Deal
- World War II
- Postwar America
- Modern-day Women's Movement
- The Opposition
- Forging Ahead
- Contemporary Issues.

Section 4: Timelines of U.S. Women's History

Timelines of U.S. Women's History presents three timelines of significant events in U.S. women's history:

- The Path of the Movement
- Women and Work
- The 20th Century and Women: A Social History 1900-2000

Section 5: Women and the Law

Women and the Law provides statistics regarding women judges in Federal and state courts. It also lists notable women who were first in some aspect of the law, and it provides timelines on women lawyers and legal history.

- Judges
- Firsts in Law
- Lawyers: A Timeline
- Timeline of Legal History of Women in the United States

Section 6: Directory of Women Federal Judges

This directory lists active Federal judges since March 2002.

Section 7: Quick Facts about U.S. Women

Quick Facts about U.S. Women is a snapshot of facts in:

- Population
- Family
- Education
- Business
- Professions
- Military
- Money
- Health

- Sports

Section 8: Quizzes

The Quizzes section tests your knowledge about women's history from the well-known to the not so well-known. The different quizzes cover a wide range of arenas and information.

- Test Your Women's History I.Q.
- Twenty Questions About Women's History
- Women's History Potpourri

Section 9: Recommended Women's History Resources: Books, Reports, Videos, Posters, and Internet Resources:

Use this resource section to find out where to get more information or order materials about women's history in the United States.

Section 10: Directory of Women's Organizations:

The organizations listed in this Directory are excellent sources of information about women in the U.S.